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"It's been an issue that has come up perennially for many years," he said. "As citizens have been discontented with public education, they felt an elected school board would be more responsive to them."

The process towards enacting elected school boards

began with the Virginia General Assembly who drafted an enabling referendum in Spring 1992. It allowed elected school boards to draft proposal plans to implement elected school boards following the rules and guidelines provided in the referendum.

In observance of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which binds Southern states to submit all changes to election processes to the U.S. Justice Department for approval. The referendum was submitted and accepted. Accordingly, the Fredericksburg city council must also submit its plans for approval to the Justice Department.

The citizens of Fredericksburg voted in November 1992 in favor of implementing elected school boards. Pending Justice Department approval, the city is required by the enabling referendum to hold the election in May 1994, the same time city council elections are held.

Paul Zisman, the department chairman for education at Mary Washington College, said he believes an elected school board will be more democratic.

"Although it will introduce politics into making educational policy, it will represent the public," Zisman said. "Sometimes you have to give up efficiency for a system that's more synchronized with the views and needs and opinions of the people."

Roy F. Graiz, a chemistry professor for 19 years at MWC, said he has tried twice to be appointed to the school board. He said he believes the city council appoints people who agree with their political agenda.

"One year they appointed a high school language teacher, at her interview she brought in a bowl she was

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the construction," said Stull. The theater will need rewiring, reorganization of storage space and general clean-up before it is in the same shape it was in before the construction.

Rawlings-Wilson is in charge of the architectural renovations of the Fine Arts complex. Todd, who is in charge of the architectural redesign of the complex, was unavailable for comment on the progress of the construction or the problems with the theater, but a representative of the firm said that he would prefer not to disclose information pertaining to the progress of duPont.

Junior Jason Bryan, a drama major, said that the changes will have positive as well as negative effects on the

students next year. On the down side there will be a readjustment period. "It will take some time trying to get people reintroduced to the new space, and a different backstage," he said.

"I think that moving back in to a different building will help us prepare for our future. It will help us to adjust to different places," he said. Bryan also said that their productions should be on schedule, which he feels is important.

Bryan explained that many of the problems might have been due to a lack of knowledge of the theater by the renovators. "What they really needed was a theater consultant to tell them what they could and could not do to the theater," he said.

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to visit friends and "just never came back." He enrolled at the Ecole Des Beaux Arts in Brussels, Belgium and graduated five years later.

His first two pieces were in granite, which is typically quite difficult to carve; accordingly, he found them "discouraging and unresponsive," and dropped carving for a while. This, as well as a high cost of living, precipitated his eventual return to the United States.

McKee settled in Fredericksburg in 1983 because he felt that it was a good place to hide out. He promptly heard of a soapstone quarry in the Charlottesville area and decided to try carving in it. Upon the completion of his first figurative piece in soapstone, he liked it so much he bought 10 tons of the material. He placed his second soapstone piece in a gallery in Alexandria, and it sold the very next morning.

According to McKee, the unfortunate quality of soapstone is that it shows well only in certain types of light. But marble is soft, translucent and lit from within, according to McKee, and always shows well and is therefore the ultimate pinnacle of stone in which to carve. There are several American marble quarries, but Carrara marble, because of its irregularly shaped

crystals, allows the penetration of light to an approximate depth of one inch, which results in better translucency. It lends itself to detail and is therefore considered of higher quality. It is also more cost effective to fly to Italy and have stones shipped home than to buy American marble, McKee said.

High levels of carbon monoxide, which eat into the skin of marble, prevent the placement of McKee's sculptures outside. He did, however, speak of doing more work in granite

because it is impervious to outside elements. The drawback is that special tools, different than those used for marble, are needed.

Consistent with his unassuming manner and appearance, McKee was unwilling to discuss the final cost of any of his works, although he mentioned that his clientele market consists mostly of 35- to 65-year-olds, many of whom are entrepreneurs. For him, it is more about "someone who feels and understands" his works than the price tag. Similar for many artists, the recession has generated a "killer market" for what he produces, but McKee refuses to compromise his work and knows that at 36 he is a "virtual newcomer to the sculpting field."

"I spend a long time staring at [the marble stones]...to choose it, I must be able to see something in it."

- Scott McKee, sculptor



Courtesy photo

Guerrilla Girls

The Guerrilla Girls will play in Dodd Auditorium on March 1 as part of Women's History Month activities. The concert is free to everyone.

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"Valentine's Day can be a very happy time or a sad time, especially during adolescence," said Johnson.

Valentine's Day also puts a lot of pressure on getting not only a gift, but the "right gift." But junior Allison Shaw said that she feels Valentine's Day has been overcommercialized.

"I think it's just another holiday who's real meaning has been warped, twisted and mangled by Hallmark and T.V. sitcoms," said Shaw.

According to Brenda Lejandre, a sales associate at Dameron's Hallmark in the Park and Shop, Valentine's Day is one of the most popular holidays.

"But, Valentine's is like any other holiday. The day of and the day before is the biggest selling day," said Lejandre.

Lejandre said that this year a popular seller has been a new Hallmark card that contains a personal recorded message on the inside. Lejandre said that the new item has been selling very well, as well as serious cards.

At Sweet City, a candy shop in

Spotsylvania Mall, a popular selling item is helium balloons that contain something in the middle. For instance, a customer can have a stuffed animal put in the middle of the balloon.

"We've been selling a lot of them," said sales associate Jody McCartney. "We also sell a lot of chocolate roses and we're going to be selling Valentines Day mugs."

And the employees at Renato Ristorante are especially looking forward to the holiday. Saul Garcia, a waiter at the Italian restaurant that usually Renato's is booked at least two days in advance, and business flourishes that day.

And Garcia said that anything can be expected to happen. "Last year a guy proposed to a lady and got the waiter to put her ring on a dish with parsley," said Garcia.

But dinner is not what sophomore Jon Pack has planned. "I think me and my girlfriend are going to snuggle up and watch 'Under Seige' with Steven Seagal," said Pack.

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needed a big steal from White which led to a Holston layup in the closing moments to help seal the victory.

The Eagles have three more conference games before the CAC tournament, which begins Feb. 22. The Eagles will host the tournament if they can hold on to first place.

To do this, the Eagles must continue to win on the road and get something going at home where they have struggled with a 4-6 home record.

"We have to play much better at home. Until we do that we're not going anywhere," said White.

Deadline Update:
In Tuesday night's action, the women defeated Gallaudet University for the second time in three days, winning 97-77 in Goolrick Gym. The Eagles are now 15-4 (6-3 CAC).

Corinne May again led Eagle scorers with 26 points and added seven steals. Jeanette Alexander had a big game with 15 points and 14 rebounds, and Chris Gleisner had 20 points.

The men were close to Gallaudet late in the game but were held off, losing 74-68, to drop to 9-10 (5-4 CAC). Matt Seward continued his hot streak by pouring in 24 points, including five three-pointers. MWC could only force nine Bison turnovers in the loss.

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past bunch of years.

"Me, Jeremy White and Scott Pate, the tri-captains, have held meetings," he said. "We want people to commit themselves, and this year our team is much better."

For a player who did not think he would get much playing time when he came to MWC, he has turned into one of the Eagle's finest all-time inside players. The 6'5" post player is seventh in career scoring and also is sixth in career rebounds.

Posey would agree with most MWC student athletes that feel that being a Division III athlete is short on glamour and long on struggle. Whereas the Charlie Wards of Division I have the fame and limelight to make up for the fact that they have lost time for school work, the Steve Poseys of the world do not.

"A lot of professors are understanding," he said. "But some teachers just don't care if you've had a long away game or just can't get the work done on time. It's hard on Division III athletes, but never so much that I'd quit."

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recommendation was based on poor student and faculty evaluations that were "a product of racist thinking given that Mary Washington college is not a gender- or color-blind campus."

According to the lawsuit, Hall was also advised by "a responsible faculty member" that "racism, however subtle, has to be taken into account when you examine faculty evaluations of Jimmy." The complaint states that Hall looked at the comments of both students and faculty concerning Jiminez's performance in the classroom. The complaint also states that Jiminez asked to appear before the economics department faculty to answer questions and to defend his performance, but Rycroft turned down the request.

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years at the college even though the faculty handbook does not establish a deadline for completion of the dissertation by an untenured faculty member. The complaint also states that two white economics faculty

members who evaluated Jiminez took three and five years respectively to complete their dissertations while employed in tenure-track positions at the college.

Faculty members are typically eligible to apply for tenure at the end of their fifth year of employment at the college. Jiminez was employed from August 1989 to May 15, 1993.

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Ensign added, however, that he knew of some people who did not like Jiminez and used the student evaluations to vent their frustrations.

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"It's been an issue that has come up perennially for many years," he said. "As citizens have been discontented with public education, they felt an elected school board would be more responsive to them."

The process towards enacting elected school boards

began with the Virginia General Assembly who drafted an enabling referendum in Spring 1992. It allowed Virginia cities to draft proposal plans to implement elected school boards following the rules and guidelines provided in the referendum.

In observance of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which binds Southern states to submit all changes to election processes to the U.S. Justice Department for approval. The referendum was submitted and accepted. Accordingly, the Fredericksburg city council must also submit its plans for approval to the Justice Department.

The citizens of Fredericksburg voted in November 1992 in favor of implementing elected school boards. Pending Justice Department approval, the city is required by the enabling referendum to hold the election in May 1994, the same time city council elections are held.

Paul Zisman, the department chairman for education at Mary Washington College, said he believes an elected school board will be more democratic.

"Although it will introduce politics into making educational policy, it will represent the public," Zisman said. "Sometimes you have to give up efficiency for a system that's more synchronized with the views and needs and opinions of the people."

Roy F. Graiz, a chemistry professor for 19 years at MWC, said he has tried twice to be appointed to the school board. He said he believes the city council appoints people who agree with their political agendas.

"One year they appointed a high school language teacher, at her interview she brought in a bowl she was

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In Brief

International Internship Program Available Through JMU

International Internship positions are available for Fall 1994 and Spring 1995. The program offers qualified Virginia students a unique opportunity to gain professional experience on an international basis in their field of interest. Approximately 50 positions each semester are available in 10 countries.

Interested students may request the information from Judy Cohen, Program Coordinator at Paul Street House, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va. 22807, phone (703) 568-6979 or fax (703) 568-3310. The deadline for applications for both semesters is March 14.

Junior Ring Week Party Suggestions Needed

Class Council questionnaires that will be used to plan Junior Ring Week Activities (March 28-April 2) are available at the information desk in the campus center and the dome room in Seacoack. Volunteers are needed for decorating, invitations, master and mistress of ceremonies at Ring Presentation.

Crafts and Artwork On Sale At "Alveypalooza"

Students can sell homemade crafts, artwork and food on Sunday, Feb. 27 from 1-5 p.m. in the Great Hall to raise money for dorms, clubs or themselves. For information, call Heather at x4369 or go to Alvey 413.

Minority Incentive Awards Offered

The Council on International Education Exchange offers five to 10 awards ranging from \$500-\$1000 to minorities (African, Arab, Asian, Hispanic

descent and indigenous Native Peoples) to encourage minority students to participate in study abroad.

To be eligible, a student needs to be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, show proof of financial need (college financial aid record) and be a participant/applicant to a CIEE-administered study, work or volunteer abroad program for summer and/or Fall 1994.

Information and application forms may be obtained from the Office of International Programs, Room 204 or 206, x4706 or x4662.

Study Abroad Orientation Scheduled

Study abroad orientation, sponsored by the Office of International Programs (x4662) will take place in the Campus Center's Red Room on Tuesday, March 15. A panel discussing the details of studying abroad in Africa, Asia, Australia, Canada, Europe, Latin America, Russia and the Middle East will be followed by a question and answer session.

Teleconferences Scheduled

The Mary Washington College Center for Graduate and Continuing education will sponsor a teleconference entitled "A New Era of Discovery: Plans for Research on Space Station" Thursday, Feb. 17 from 12:45-3 p.m. The videoconference will be held in Seacoack Hall, Room 112 and is free.

"Coaching for Success: An Essential Management Skill" will also be held on March 31 from 12:45-4 p.m. and requires a \$72 registration fee.

On April 14, the Center will explore the emerging information highway with "Bandwidth and Public Policy: The Data Highway Debate and Its Impact on Business" in Seacoack Hall, Room 112 from 12:45-3 p.m. and requires a registration fee of \$68.

On Feb. 12 the MWC Teaching and

Innovation Program Center will sponsor a videoconference entitled "How Schools and Colleges -- and Communities -- Collaborate to Improve Learning," in Chandler Hall, Room 102 from 12:45-4 p.m. The program is free.

"Baby with the Bathwater" Will Be Performed

The Mary Washington Department of Dramatic Arts and dance presents "Baby with the Bathwater," a comedy about raising children, in the Underground. Performances will be Feb. 24 at 8 p.m., Feb. 25 and 26 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., and Feb. 27 at 2 p.m.

Declaration To Continue Deadline

The deadline for Declaration To Continue is March 15. Forms will be sent to all eligible MWC students and only those who file a declaration to continue may register for fall semester classes or residence hall rooms. In order for students in both the BA/BS and BLS degree programs to participate in advance course registration or room selection the proper forms must be submitted to the Office of Admissions in Lee Hall, Room 201 (x4681) by the deadline.

Psychologist To Lecture On Criminal Mind

Noted Northern Virginia psychologist and expert on criminal behavior Stanton E. Samenow will speak in Monroe Hall, Room 104 at 8 p.m. Dr. Samenow's topic will be "Inside the Criminal Mind." The lecture is free and open to the public.

Police Beat

By Adam Fike

Bullet Assistant News Editor

Fire

• On Feb. 6 a fire alarm was set off in Virginia Hall and there was a smell of smoke. No indication of a fire was found.

• On Feb. 10 a fire alarm was set off in Fairfax Hall by burnt cookies.

• On Feb. 11 a fire alarm was set off by bread that was left in a bread maker.

Vandalism

• On Feb. 6 someone kicking a water

fountain in Coolrick Hall did \$30 worth of damage.

• On Feb. 11 windows on the rear doors of Bushnell Hall were broken out.

Injuries

• On Feb. 6 a student injured his right ankle while playing basketball and was taken to the hospital.

• On Feb. 8 a student slipped on the ice in front of Jefferson Hall and was taken to the hospital.

• On Feb. 12 a student fell and was

injured on Alvey hill and was taken to the hospital.

Miscellaneous

• On Feb. 8 a purse and contents worth about \$120 were reported stolen from the Rose Room.

• On Feb. 9 Alida Winter of Woodbridge, Thomas Hicks of Alexandria, and Jennifer Warren of Dumfries, all non-students, were charged with trespassing while trying to sell perfume on campus.

• On Feb. 12 an intoxicated student was taken to the health center.

Corrections

In the story "From Brass To Ashes" the quote "It is believed to be arson, but the department has turned it over to the State Fire Marshal" was said by Caesar Coston.

The next hearing in Robert Abrams v. Mary Washington College will be held in the Fredericksburg Circuit Court Building at 2 p.m. on Feb. 28, not 9:30 a.m. as printed in last week's "On Campus Walk".

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college immediately. The other student withdrew after his suspension was lifted following an appeal.

New sanctions for incense burning include probation for living in residence halls for first-time offenders, and suspension from housing only for repeat offenders.

"Her idea of what sanctions are not specific enough," said Jennifer Gilligan, chairwoman of the Senate Handbook Revision Committee which proposed the changes to Beck. "So the issue is not done as far as Senate is concerned, it is the fact of burning incense that we are worried about, not with the actual sanction," Gilligan said.

Though the whole proposal was not passed, the new sanctions are a positive step forward, according to Len Orstein, student association president.

"The policy now is better for students than it was before," he said. "Therefore it is a victory for us and a perfect example of a compromise."

Incense will also now be listed under its own heading in the Student Handbook, which was changed in response to student concern as well, according to Beck.

"Students seem to be all hung up about what category you put a prohibited item in," said Beck. "It seems to be a stupid thing that they seem very concerned about for whatever reason."

According to Gilligan, the feeling in senate is that if incense, which burns at a lower temperature than a cigarette, is considered drug paraphernalia by the administration for its alleged ability to cover the smell of marijuana, it should be listed in the handbook as such.

"If nothing else my committee wanted it to be listed under what the administration thinks the problem about incense is," said Gilligan. "Even if we can't have an above board use of incense at Mary Washington, we wanted to know how they're categorizing it," she said.

According to Beck, despite the handbook heading change, and though cigarette smoking is allowed in the dorms, the reason that incense is prohibited is that "incense takes an open flame to light it, and we don't have anything besides cigarettes that take an open flame to light."

Beck also indicated Wednesday that she is going to approve the senate

Social Host proposal to change the definition of the position in the handbook, though she had not received the official paperwork to do so.

According to the letter presented to Beck by the Handbook Revision Committee, in addition to being responsible for ensuring that their guests do not consume alcohol in the private spaces of the residence hall, students must now be "present and/or aware that his/her guests are engaged in underage consumption within the host's room or off-age intoxication which resulted from consumption within the host's room."

"I have no problem with the social host proposal," said Beck. "I just have not received the official paperwork."

According to Orstein, the Board of Visitors showed concern about the current definition of social host in the handbook during a meeting this semester.

"Basically it was a stupid policy and it shouldn't be there," said Orstein. "We brought it to the Board's attention and the Board had the same reaction that we had when it came to our attention—that it's stupid and it shouldn't be in there."

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But department chairpersons realize that there is more to evaluations than numbers and comments because both can be misleading.

"As I say to every class I have ever taught at this college, as a department chairperson, I read every evaluation and I read them quite carefully. I don't pay much attention to evaluations that say, 'This professor is a fool,' or 'This is the greatest professor since God.' I look at patterns," said Robert Boughner, chairman of the department of classics, philosophy and religion.

Rosemary Barra, chairwoman of the department of biological sciences, said that while the evaluations are an important instrument in determining faculty performance, she does not see evaluations as the single grounds for dismissal.

"I know there are some students who take them seriously, especially when they are upper level courses in their major. I've heard horror stories of people who put the same number all they way down [the evaluation page], but for the most part, I think students take them seriously," Barra said.

Barra said that part of the problem

with evaluations is that both the students and the faculty take some questions seriously and some lightly. "I think there are flaws in the instrument itself," Barra said.

Junior Heather Jacobs said that she believes the questions themselves need to be revised if evaluations can be used as serious pieces of testimony to a faculty member's performance. "I don't take evaluations seriously. The questions are sort of vague. If there is ever a problem, I don't think it is addressed in those questions," Jacobs said.

But Boughner said that the comments students write are more important than the numbers. "I might get evaluations from students about a certain professor that say it is a wonderful class or a horrible class, but if a lot of students say that the professor doesn't get tests back on time, I can say to the professor, 'Hey, get the tests back on time,'" Boughner said.

Boughner estimated that only about one-third of students write comments on the back of evaluations, and that students in smaller, upper-level classes tend not to write comments out of fear

that their handwriting will be deciphered.

And other issues plague the evaluation process. Senior Nathan Wade said that during his freshman year, one of his professors joked while handing out the evaluations, "Go ahead and write whatever you want; I have tenure," Wade said.

Hansen said that evaluations for tenured professors obviously do not affect their chances for tenure but will affect future promotions. Evaluations also play a role in merit pay for faculty members is reinstated within the coming years.

"We used to have merit pay here but have not had it for the last several years due to budget cuts. A person gets tenure about the same time they go from assistant to associate professor. Evaluations could affect future promotions and merit pay and could hit his or her pocketbook. Even a full professor [could be] dealing with a salary issue," Hansen said.

While Wade said that he takes evaluations seriously because he believes they are read and put into a faculty member's file, Jacobs said she does not see the point in laboring over the documents. "One time last semester I did take advantage of the form and I wrote what I really felt about the class. I found out later that the same [negative] thing had been going on for years and I felt like, 'Oh, well,'" Jacobs said.

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trying to explain something with and kept quoting the Bible," he said. "I tried to get appointed, a college professor with a Ph.D. in science, I didn't even get a vote."

Graz said he believes that an elected school board would not be necessary if the city council appointed members differently.

"I wouldn't have any problem with an appointed school board if the city council would put as their first criterion people who would benefit the children," Graz said. "There are a couple of members who've got agendas that have nothing to do with the quality of schools, who spend all their time trying to get rid of the superintendent."

Graz is also concerned that the

election process will bring problems. "I just know how hard it is to get good people to run because elections can immediately turn dirty," he said. "The election process will possibly be even more political because people might try to use the school board as a political stepping stone."

Linda Robinson, chairwoman of the Fredericksburg School Board, said the majority of the board does not place political agendas over school quality, although she has heard some complaints.

"There has been some concern in

recent months that a lot of people in the community feel that is the case with some members," Robinson said. She has heard similar complaints about the city council's appointees

—Frank E. Brooks,
Fredericksburg resident

to the school board. "Because as a school board we have to depend totally on the city council for approval of the school system's budget, I can only say I think a lot of people in the community have, to me, questioned

why some people were chosen over other people who seemed to be more qualified," Robinson said.

Although she is optimistic about the new system of selecting members, she also has concerns.

"The plus I see is that we'll no longer have a small group of people responsible for choosing the school board members," Robinson said.

H.D. Northern, Jr., the assistant superintendent for Fredericksburg Public Schools, feels an elected school board will be beneficial.

"I think it's a good thing because it's what the electorate wants," Northern said. "It has the possibility to bring several positive aspects, the public will feel they have a more direct impact on schools which will

increase their support, and the public makes good decisions."

However, Northern does not believe that election will change the school board very much. According to him, someone will be removed only if the public feels a member is not doing a good job.

Frank E. Brooks, a retired electronics engineer and citizen of Fredericksburg, has been very active in attempting to persuade Virginia to have elected school boards.

"I got interested in the early 1970s when eight states didn't have elected school boards. I testified in Richmond and at city council meetings in Fredericksburg," Brooks said.

He feels that Virginia's general assembly was not inclined to approve

elected school boards because the governing bodies would lose power.

"Elected school boards would turn power back to the people," Brooks said.

Northern agrees that law-makers are hesitant. He said that Virginia is a very conservative state and reluctant to change.

"The appointment of board members gave power to governing bodies. The removal of power through election is something they resisted," Northern said.

However, as of now no one is sure who might run this spring.

"I haven't heard of anybody who's dying to seek election to the school board," Robinson said.

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people for Senate Board. People, he said, who know what is going on and can facilitate a good discussion about various issues. He also said that the needs of the average student should be considered above everything else.

Palic summed up his campaign in one statement.

"The best thing for an SA vice president to do is to kick butt not kiss butt."

Honor Council President

Courtney Weise will be running unopposed for Honor Council President. She has two years of experience as an Honor Council Representative. Weise, a sophomore double majoring in international affairs and Spanish literature, is currently the Programs and Activities chair and is serving on the Committee for Procedural Revisions of the Honor Constitution.

"I want to reinforce a commitment and spirit of honor...that goes into all aspects of our lives," Weise said.

She said she will aim for heightened awareness of the Honor Code among students and faculty so they are knowledgeable in the procedures concerning the honor system. Weise said she would also like to see a "smooth transition in implementing revisions to the Honor Constitution if

passed by the BOV and student body." Legislative Action Committee Chairperson

Sophomore Geoff Hart and junior Heather Jacobs will be vying for the position of LAC chairperson.

Hart said he believes that the reputation of Mary Washington is an important issue to address not only for academic recognition but because a good reputation is a primary reason that the college has not taken major budget cuts like other state colleges.

"I would like to continue creating a better name for Mary Washington," said Hart, an economics major.

Hart would also like to work to improve both state and community relations by holding debates for state elections on campus.

In addition, Hart sees voter registration and the installation of safety features such as crosswalk lights on the way to The Park and Shopping Center and also at Sunken Road crossing Route 3. Currently, Hart is serving as LAC vice-chair and Student Opinion co-chair in the senate.

Previously, Hart has gained experience from his work freshman year as an LAC member and senator for Randolph Hall.

Jacobs, an American Studies major, held the office of LAC chair during

her sophomore year. She said she has also benefited from experience her freshman year as LAC project coordinator and currently is serving as the student chair for Citizens for Better Government.

Jacobs, if elected, said she will focus on voter registration as LAC chair. She said a huge number of eligible voters could be used for getting support in the city council.

"I think it is important for us to register here because of the effect we do have on the city council," Jacobs said.

Similarly, she speculates that the students' votes could also be used on campus as a "bargaining chip" with the administration to get certain motions such as 24/7 passed on campus.

Jacobs said she would push for higher education funding and aims to clarify the procedures in cases of sexual harassment.

Judicial Chair
Sophomore Holly Flowers is running uncontested for Judicial Chair. Flowers is currently serving as Peer Judicial Representative for Ball Hall.

"I hope to do as good a job as Jasper did in carrying out due process and protecting the rights of the

students as well as the school," Flowers said.

Academic Affairs Chair

Junior Andrew Crisp is running uncontested for the position of Academic Affairs Chair. In the past he has served as vice-chair for the Academic Affairs subcommittee.

According to Crisp, the most important issue for Academic Affairs in the upcoming school year will be the proposed curriculum changes.

"That's going to be the main thing going through Academic Affairs next year, and I think that it's going to be by far the most interesting and have the most impact," Crisp said.

Communiting Student President

Junior John Cagle is the sole name on the ballot for Communiting Student president. His experience includes judicial representative, senator and judicial chairman.

Cagle said he supports some ideas that have already been brought up in senate which he hopes to implement next year. These ideas center around improving relations with the Fredericksburg community.

"I would hope to alleviate [problems with the community] with a media blitz to the community about Mary Washington students and how they are not beer guzzling deviants," Cagle said.

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Feb. 27 from 1-4 p.m.

"I understand the same schedule will be in effect to make up Feb. 11 using the afternoons of April 10 and April 17," Poyck said.

Many students disagreed with the idea of Sunday classes.

"We sent a letter from the Student Association recommending that classes not be made up," said Len Ornstein, Student Association President. "We felt that would be the best way. The majority of the students and the faculty would rather make

adjustments in the syllabus than come in on Sunday."

"I vehemently oppose it because even though we are college students, we do have lives," senior Chris Irvine said. "Many of us have off campus jobs and other commitments that we cannot drop whenever the administration thinks it's appropriate."

Freshman Stephanie Herron also disagreed.

"Sunday school is for Church," she said.

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the low marks, actions which El-Amin said further made the evaluations an ineffective measure of Jimenez's teaching. Several students testified at the trial that they met with either President William Anderson or Hall to vouch for Jimenez's teaching effectiveness and to report that some students had given him poor evaluations because of his race.

Hall and Anderson both testified that they did not conduct an investigation of the accusations that students had collaborated against Jimenez because they were reported nearly a year after the alleged collaboration. The officials said the students came to them only after finding out that Jimenez's job was in jeopardy.

"They described what they characterized as disrespect and audible rumbling, and they described that they thought that was done because of his race or national origin," Hall said. "Had [the complaints] been brought forward at that time I would have been quick to do an investigation."

El-Amin said that Jimenez's student evaluation scores rose dramatically his last semester at the college but that the college refused to consider that evidence that Jimenez's teaching had improved.

Another charge by Jimenez was that he did not receive any support from his departmental colleagues after he was hired and was never given an opportunity to defend his classroom performance. He said that though he asked his department colleagues to sit in on his classes and offer him advice to help him improve his teaching, no one ever did. Jimenez claimed that some members of the economics department were racist, and former economics Professor Mehrabi, who was terminated by MWC two years ago after allegations that he falsified some of his credentials, testified that some colleagues made racist comments to him while he was employed by the college.

Guy Horsley, the attorney who defended both Hall and the college, countered that Jimenez was not qualified to continue in the tenure track position because he did not meet the college's criteria to eventually be considered for tenure, which usually

occurs in a full-time faculty member's sixth year at the college.

According to the faculty handbook, when considering a faculty member for tenure, the college weighs teaching effectiveness, professional and scholarly activity and contributions to the college through faculty committee service and other activities.

Horsley also maintained that Jimenez did not meet the college's deadline for completion of his Ph.D., which he had verbally agreed to finish within three months of his hiring. However, Jimenez argued that he was treated unfairly because Steven Greenlaw, a tenured professor who is the current chairman of the economics department, was hired in 1982 and employed at the college four years before he received his doctorate. Greenlaw, who is white, admitted during the trial that he was told that he had to complete his Ph.D. within a year of his hiring in order to have his contract renewed, but that he got contract extensions even when he did not finish on time.

Horsley maintained that since 1982 when Greenlaw was hired, the college gradually changed its policy and made a Ph.D. mandatory for a faculty member seeking a three-year contract. Horsley also said that Greenlaw's student evaluation scores were considerably higher than Jimenez's.

Provost Hall, however, testified that the new regulation is not explicitly stated anywhere, though it is accepted as a rule among the faculty and administration. However, El-Amin pointed out several exceptions to the college's new stipulations. Margaret Klayton, who is white, is an assistant professor of business administration who came to the college the same year as Jimenez, but El-Amin said Klayton was given a three-year contract without earning her Ph.D. David Kiriazis, another economics instructor who is also white, was hired in 1991, but according to El-Amin Kiriazis has yet to receive his Ph.D. Kiriazis is eligible for his three-year contract this year.

Though Jimenez, who is now employed with a consulting firm in Washington D.C., has yet to formally receive his Ph.D. from New Mexico State University, he maintains that in

August 1992 he successfully completed his dissertation and all the requirements for the degree.

El-Amin also argued that Jimenez was treated unfairly by the college in that he was given the opportunity to reapply for his own teaching position, but was told that, unlike other in-house applicants, his reapplication would be contingent on improvement of his student evaluations, favorable evaluations by the economics department based on their unannounced visits to his classroom, successful defense of his dissertation by Aug. 31, 1992 and presentation of a paper at a regional economics conference.

Jimenez did not reapply for the position and claimed that Hall advised him against it. Hall said that he advised Jimenez not to reapply.

"I said, given all the difficulty that he had with the department along the way and the lack of trust between [members of the department], I didn't think I'd apply if I were he," Hall said.

Hall and several economics department members also testified that Jimenez was not the most qualified of the three candidates interviewed for his position in 1989, and said he was hired to help the college meet affirmative action requirements.

Greenlaw, who said that Jimenez received poor evaluations from New Mexico State for his teaching while he was a graduate assistant there, testified that he voted against hiring Jimenez in 1989. Rycroft said Jimenez was hired even though he "was not the best qualified in terms of education and experience." The vote to hire Jimenez, Rycroft said, was 3-2.

Brenda King, who was the college's affirmative action officer before Anderson moved her to the International Programs Office several years ago, said that the college is not committed to affirmative action. She said she felt she was constantly going against the administration to do her job as affirmative action officer. When Anderson replaced her he gave the position to Shelli Short, a white female, while King was out of town, according to King.

"The biggest problem on campus was the absolute denial that there are any racial problems on campus," King said.



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Hacking The System

With cars, there are accidents; with phones, there are taps; and with world-wide networked computing, there are security problems. As with any new technology, there will be someone or something to counter or destroy the technology.

Internet offers a variety of communication links to people around the world. Students can use it to access scholarly commentary for research and to send messages to friends at other schools. Anyone can use the Internet to access and receive information that normally would take weeks—an advantage that is hailed by professors and other professionals alike. However, what is not hailed is the usage of Internet to access and sabotage secured systems. Sending viruses or crashing systems is against the law—which should be a deterrent to sneaky hackers who dream of unleashing such demons.

The problem is that the laws aren't a deterrent because hackers rarely get caught. The people who figure out how to break into the systems appear to be smart enough to cover their tracks. Some of those who fortunately get caught are being used by authorities to help design better security systems and to catch fellow code crackers. Even if they do design better security, inevitably there will still be people who will work to crack the system.

Until a fool-proof computer security system is designed, Internet users must not be naive to the antics of hackers. Being informed about the signs of a break in security and to ignore messages that are designed to trap the abusers will help alleviate some of the hype and damage caused by reckless hackers. People who are linked to Internet should also consider whatever is stored in their computer to be public information. Any document that exposes a security risk or privileged information should not be stored on a networked computer.

To discourage illegal activity, normal Internet users should keep in mind the positive and effective uses of the system. Remember how MWC senior saved a woman's life by using Internet. Holding people like him as our heroes of technology will help disgruntle those who believe they can achieve success through high-tech sophisticated destruction.

The only way we can put a kink in the hacking business is if we use common sense and protect ourselves against their senseless attacks. If not, we are just exposing ourselves to the tom-foolery of people who ought to be focusing their knowledge and talents on more productive activities.

Voting Against Apathy

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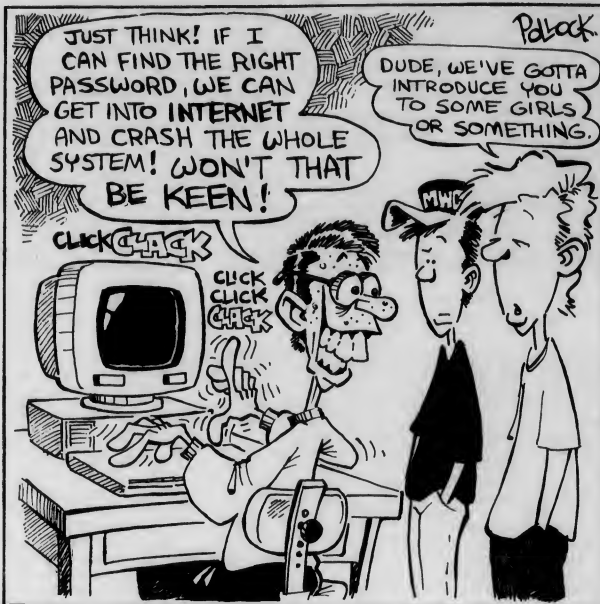
On Feb. 23, when MWC students go to vote in the SA elections, the ballot will be relatively easy to fill out. Out of the seven positions to be filled for next year, five of them are uncontested. Only the candidates for vice president and LAC chair will be sweating it out next week. Everyone else is already assured of their imminent election to office.

Maybe these candidates are the most qualified, or maybe there are a lot of qualified students out there too apathetic to run. All candidates should have competitors, to prove who is the most qualified for the position and to give the voting population a chance to make a choice. With the selection at a bare minimum, casting a vote won't take much brain power.

This year, only 10 candidates are running for seven SA positions. In 1993, there were 13 candidates; in 1992, there were 15 candidates. The number of students running for positions is steadily decreasing. There were three candidates for president in 1992 and 1993, and this year the candidate for president is not competing with anyone. No one even ran for Commuting Student chair in 1993. Perhaps in the future all candidates will be running uncontested, raising suspicions of totalitarianism and elitism.

Too often, elections are a matter of popularity rather than competence. Candidates may not demonstrate all the ability or knowledge to successfully fulfill their respective duties, but they are more well-known around campus or have held previous offices (whether or not they were effective leaders is of little consequence). However, when there is only one candidate for a position, voters cannot weigh any options or consider the credentials of various candidates.

Several student leaders have expressed concern over students' lack of interest at voter registration and voter turnout. However, voters know that there is little incentive to bother voting because five of the seven candidates are going to be elected no matter how many students vote. Perhaps student leaders should be more concerned at the lack of interest demonstrated by the dearth of SA candidates. Solving this problem may boost voters' interest and concern come future election days.



Ducks Prove Political Ground For Clinton



After signing the Brady bill into law, President Clinton attempted to court members of the NRA and to prove that gun control does not mean curtailing the activities of hunters by buying a \$41 hunting license in Annapolis, Md. on Dec. 28 and joining Oklahoma Democrat Bill Brewster and Michigan Democrat John Dingell (both NRA board members) at the Fruit Hill Farm hunting lodge on Taylor's Island, Md. Also note that Dingell chairs the House panel which can exert considerable influence in Clinton's health care reform proposal.

A single duck died in the two-hour "hunt" on Slaughter Creek; and whether "credit" for the kill belongs to Clinton or Brewster, their excursion provides some insight into our political system and the need for animal advocacy.

Fruit Hill Farm is a Regulated Shooting Area (RSA), where mallards bred in captivity are released to be shot—without limits. Quite apart from the fact that the "sportsmen"

cannot assure a clean, painless kill of these tame ducks, RSAs pose a threat to the wild duck population. The mixing of wild and captive-reared ducks skews population counts, impedes enforcing long-standing federal prohibitions of the use of live decoys in killing waterfowl, dilutes the genetic integrity of wild ducks and poses a potential for disease transmission from the captive-bred to the wild duck population.

The very day of the president's hunt, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was in the process of reviewing the impact of RSAs and considering the need for stricter regulation of these operations.

Clustered along Maryland's Eastern Shore, RSAs are a playground for the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, lobbyists and the privileged. While a single duck died during the presidential hunt, RSAs allow hundreds of mallards to be shot in a single afternoon. Slaughtering tame ducks is simply unsporting.

When President Clinton accepted the traditional turkey, offered in tribute at the White House in November, he

sent the bird to live on a farm in Northern Virginia—safe from Thanksgiving tables and hunters. In December, President Clinton sacrificed a bird to the NRA with Fruit Hill Farm's owner John Tieder, Jr., and officer in Duckpac (a political action committee opposed to tightening fish and game rules in regulated areas) and two powerful NRA board members.

The public information operator at the White House could not tell me what ultimately happened to the dead mallard—maybe they just threw it away.

No doubt, after calculating the potential gains and losses, the president and his advisers considered the hunt as positive. Certainly, the event reaffirms the importance and power of those who can deliver money or votes in our political system. And it also reminds us; since animals can deliver neither money nor votes, they must depend on us for both advocacy and compassion.

Patricia Metzger is an associate professor of business administration and is the president of the local chapter of SPCA.

Slaughtering tame ducks is simply unsporting.

—Letters To The Editor—

Senate Motions For Improvement

I would like to write in response to the op-ed piece in the Feb. 10 issue of the Bulletin ("Searching The Handbook"). There must have been a misunderstanding on how the senate works. With nearly all motions in the senate (especially major ones like search and seizure) the matter is brought up first with a motion, and then a change is put into a proposal. When the senate votes on the original motion, it is simply to "look into" the area, not to take any action. That was the stage in which the search and seizure motion was last week. We were looking into what the official policy was, and how that related to the printed policy. No action had been taken. It is absolutely the responsibility of the Senate to look into the policies of the school to make sure that there is understanding of the

policies among all participants, and that the policies are stated clearly in the handbook.

There was a misunderstanding with the search and seizure policy that the senate was investigating. There seems to be a definite difference of opinion as to what the handbook policy means, which states on page 31:

"3. Evidence observed by College personnel during search and seizure may be used in court during criminal prosecution, as well as in a College disciplinary proceeding."

The senate realizes that it is not according to United States law, but the handbook clearly does not indicate that, in fact it states quite the opposite. Residence Life and the police seem to have very different interpretations of that phrase as well. In the end, the police have decided, as the Senate did, that there was a need to make that

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Making Change In Finance

Ben Sutton
Guest Columnist

This year, the Finance Committee has finally reacted to the many criticisms it has received over its tenure. We worked long and hard to hammer out a new constitution. The proposed document is the best possible. It provides a means for the everyday student to decide how her/his comprehensive fee money is spent, it eliminates the unfair advantage that the Student Association (SA) has over all other clubs in terms of receiving money from the committee, and the leadership of the committee (its chair and vice-chair) are guaranteed to have experience in committee workings, via staggered terms. I strongly urge all students to vote "yes" to all three questions concerning the Finance Committee.

Below are answers to the three most commonly asked questions about these reforms. If anyone still has questions about our proposed constitution, or running for the five seats, elected by the Senate on March 2, leave a message at x4536 and we will return your call as soon as possible.

Q: How will the Finance Committee change if these are passed by the student body?

A: The committee will be made up of five students elected by a campus-wide election and five people elected by the Senate. There are no restrictions on who can be a member of the committee. Anyone in SA, honor council, on campus, off campus—any interested full-time student may run. More importantly, Finance will be independent of the Student Association, like Honor Council is now.

Q: Why are these changes good?

A: First, the manner in which the committee is submitted opens the committee up to greater campus input. The committee will be less "aloo" and "secreive" and more responsive to campus opinions. Second, separating the Finance Committee from SA will eliminate a major conflict of interest on Finance. As it is now, six of the nine voting members of the committee are official representatives of the Student Association. In previous years, these members, SA president, vice-president, and four members of Senate, have voted themselves

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Support, Not Judgment, For Women's Choice

Matt Withers
Guest Columnist

Ah, once again the Great Abortion Debate rears its ugly head. I thought somewhere around 1989, we all got tired of having to argue about the same subject and make the same points when we knew there was no way anyone was going to change his/her mind. Oh, well.

Of course, once one view has been presented the other view must be presented in order to preserve a balance. In other words, I will present a pro-choice argument, not because I think it will change anyone's mind, but to keep people thinking about both sides of the argument instead of passively accepting or rejecting either one out of hand.

The key to the abortion debate is whether you believe abortion is murder or not. If a woman wanted to abort a developing squash, no one would care. Because a fetus becomes a baby, however, abortion is suspected of possibly being murder. Regardless of whether abortion is murder or not, many pro-choice advocates argue that the government has no right to

determine what a woman can and cannot do with her own body. The pro-life stance is that the government can and does put limitations on our personal freedoms such as limiting where people can smoke and prohibiting suicide. Both of those instances, however, are situations where a person's life is endangered by the action in question. Neither side of the abortion debate gains any ground with this line of reasoning because the essential missing element is whether or not the fetus, in the first trimester, is developed enough to be considered a person.

We do know the fetus cannot live outside of the mother's womb and has comparatively limited development early in the pregnancy. At that point, the fetus is so alien in comparison to what a viable human being is, many pro-lifers are probably calling the fetus human by imagining what it will be and not what it is.

Along the same line of reasoning is an easy explanation for why a mother might feel bonded to her child before the child is born. The expectant mother is envisioning the fetus developing in her womb

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as a baby because she knows that is what the fetus will eventually become. She cannot relate to what the fetus is physically, so she does not focus on that image. In the expectant mother's mind the fetus in her womb is already her fully formed baby. This does not prove anything about the real state of the fetus, however. Still, the mother grieving at the loss of her fetus through abortion or miscarriage is perfectly understandable: she is reacting to the image in her mind, not the fetus in her womb.

One of my favorite pro-life arguments is the, "How many important figures have we lost to abortions?" argument. With solemn face the pro-lifer will talk about the multitudes of Einsteins, Socrates, Mother Theresa, Ghandis, Martin Luther King Jr. and, oh yes, Wynnoma Judds the human race may have killed. They never seem to mention all the Hitlers, Mussolinis, Mansons, Ivan the Terribles, Jack the Ripppers, Jim Jones, and McCarthys who have also been stopped. The argument goes to the pro-choice advocates. Without oppression there is no need for salvation, and without war there is no need to strive for peace. The good that can be achieved by preventing evil from existing is greater than the good that can be achieved by even the most brilliant and dedicated fight against an existing evil. The best way to prevail in a conflict is to prevent the conflict from happening. I am not suggesting wide scale abortions to defeat evil. I am simply taking these arguments to their logical conclusion.

Now, I'd like to speak to the George Bush Pro-Lifers out there. Perhaps I should define my term first. The people I'm talking to are the ones who are pro-life and pro-death penalty. Think about that for a minute. I can just imagine the conversations that must go on:

PL1 (pro-lifer 1) - Abortion should be illegal because it's murder. That's a little baby growing inside the womb from the moment of conception and we must protect it at all costs.

PL2 - I'm totally with you, but what if when the fetus develops into a self-sustaining, fully viable human being,

she/he is a dangerous, violent, destructive force.

PL1 - Oh, well, it's OK to murder him/her then.

This brings up another peculiarity of those George Bush pro-lifers. They seem to feel abortion should be illegal in all instances except cases of rape, incest, or danger to the mother. Addressing the first two, if abortion is murder, then circumstances of conception should not matter. Both rape and incest are terrible tragedies in a woman's life, but to allow an abortion because of them, if you believe abortion is murder, only creates another tragedy. The tragedy of taking a human life.

The idea of allowing abortions when the life of the mother is at stake is another occasional pro-life "compromise." I guess some pro-lifers feel it is better to commit murder (their words) than to risk a possible death, but it's the "child" who has the most to lose in this situation from a pro-life standpoint. If the mother dies, she has already had an opportunity to live and she has taken part in the ultimate human act of creation. If the "child" is aborted, it has been destroyed without an opportunity to live at all.

Consistency demands that pro-lifers oppose abortion in all cases. Any other view is wishy-washy. If your spine is so weak that you vacillate when your beliefs are unpopular, then your convictions probably aren't as strong as you think. If a person disagrees with me I can respect that, but I cannot abide those who waffle. To utilize a pro-life catch phrase, "Murder is Murder."

I am pro-choice, but not pro-abortion. I would never encourage a woman to have an abortion, but I would also never presume to try and assert what is right for another person. There is a bumper sticker I've seen around, and I think it makes a very good point: "If you can't trust me with a baby." Be supportive, not judgmental.

Matt Withers is a junior English major and certifying to teach secondary school.

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massive amounts of unjustified money. No other campus organization (Trek Club, GLBSA, Bulle, etc.) has that kind of influence over its budgetary fortunes.

Q: What kind of checks and balances are there on the Finance Committee?

A: There will be more checks and balances than there are now. Right now, there are no checks on committee decisions. Under the proposed Finance constitution, the committee members elected by the Senate are not official representatives of SA, but they bring to the committee, the sentiments of SA. Most importantly, the campus-wide elected people will reflect the opinions of the campus, and the campus will get to decide if person X will fairly weigh all the issues, before voting.

Ben Sutton is a junior economics major and is the chairman of the finance committee.

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segment of the policy clearer. They will be working with Dean Beck to see that the policy is clearer. I certainly do not think that it is a waste of time to revise the handbook to ensure that the laws of the Commonwealth are reflected in the policies of the school. Now, thanks to the senate, they will be.

I also do not think that the senate has wasted anyone's time this past year. In fact, this year has been of record proportions as far as achievements: A Mary Washington College Credit Union to be opened in the fall, a new social host policy, revisions to the incense policy, a successful budget fight, adoption of a new Finance Committee constitution, revisions to the meal plan, numerous safety improvements and student polls and nearly 96 motions and proposals in total — a record year.

No time has been wasted in the senate this year, and I think that they deserve credit for a job well done and not blind criticism for doing their job.

Heather Mullins
senate president

Ask Dr. C.

Dear Dr. C.,

I am a heterosexual female having a problem with a female heterosexual friend. She has a crush on a homosexual male friend. She had a crush on him for about two or three months before our friend told her he was gay. Now, four months later, she still has a crush on him. She seems obsessed.

He does not hide or flaunt the fact that he is gay, nor is he uncomfortable with his homosexuality. Yet she continues to try to be around him as much as possible and will sulk every time he is with other friends.

I try to talk to her about it but it goes nowhere. I talk to him about it and he also doesn't know what to do. We both find this annoying, weird, and sometimes unbearable.

I'm finding I no longer enjoy her company half as much as I have in the past. (He feels the same way.) What can I/we do? If you feel that she does need counseling, how can I tactfully recommend it?

Dear C.F.,

There are so many possibilities that I can only give you food for thought. I would suggest that you and your male friend focus on yourselves and what it is within you that is making the situation so difficult to confront. Certainly, a stumbling block for us all is that we often want to change the other person when, in fact, we can't.

As to your female friend's "crush," there are so many factors involved as to make an answer impossible to give based on your letter. A person's life experiences, physiology, and education interact to make what your friend is doing and feeling seem right to her at the time, if not to you.

What is important here is that all of you need to be authentic in your thoughts and feelings for each other. We behave based on these thoughts and feelings whether consciously or not. Interpretations of behaviors and events may be misconstrued and acted upon erroneously, thus destroying what were once important and meaningful relationships.

I cannot tell from your letter if your friend needs counseling. I do know that a distance is being created among all of you and that the risk of expressing how you are reacting to her (perhaps through the use of "I" statements) and then listening to her response will result in at least a chance of strengthening the relationship rather than allowing for the certainty of losing it.

Questions? Write to Dr. C., Psychological Services, Lee 106.

Campus Walk Not A Parking Lot

Once campus walk was a quiet, peaceful place. Students strolled along and squirrels scampered about. Those hallowed bricks are no longer just a sidewalk. Campus walk has become a highway for our soldiers in blue.

Although I'm sure the police find it fun to drive on campus walk, there really is no logical reason for this practice. On the one side of Lee Hall is a service road, by means of which the police can drive right up to the door and walk up to their office. On the other side is a traffic circle, in which an officer could comfortably park off to the side and walk to the office (granted it is a couple hundred feet). Either way, the walking time is so trivial, it makes driving right up to the front door unnecessary.

What the police are doing here is perpetuating the stereotype of the "lazy, doughnut-catin' cop." Also, let us consider the possibility of an emergency. People rightfully on the sidewalk are going to slow the officer's exit to the street. Someone

might even get hit, as the police speed down campus walk in hot pursuit. I've seen them do this, flashing lights and all.

Now don't get me wrong: I'm all for fun. If the campus police get their jollies by driving on campus walk, why not? What bothers me is that they have made this a regular practice, and that the front of Lee Hall has become somewhat of a parking lot, especially at night. One might argue that the blatant presence of the cruisers may serve as a crime deterrent, but unless we're having some sort of crime spree that I'm unaware of, I just don't believe this practice to be justified. Rather, what this seems to be is an attempt to create some sort of fascist police state, the intimidation of which I find disagreeable.

I enjoy a quiet walk at night, but become irritated when I sense the glowing eyes and droning motor of The Law creeping up behind me, breathing down my neck. I'd like to see the police back on the streets.

Joel Mog
senior

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MWC students change the passwords to their e-mail accounts after the college received warnings of a network security threat.

Internet Abuse On The Rise As MWC Joins Ranks Of Colleges Affected By Network Hackers

By Kendra L. Williams
Bulletin Features Editor

To Mary Washington College students, the following scene is engraved in the minds of every person forced to use the computer lab during crunch times of the semester. The lab is full and students wait in line for a terminal. When one is finally free, a student logs on and prepares to do research via Internet for a paper that is due the next morning—

Only to learn that several MWC students illegally infiltrated and crashed the college's system. MWC users would have to wait another two days before it would be operational again.

This example is only the beginning of a list of ways MWC has been sucked into the digital black hole of network security and abuses of Internet, with the college's system being infiltrated and misused not only by network hackers from other institutions but by the college's own students as well.

Ernest Ackermann, MWC professor of computer science and associate director of academic computing, said that in December, some MWC students found a loophole in the college network and crashed the college's system, a fact that distressed Internet novices and troubled those familiar with the quick on- and off-ramps of information highway research tactics.

Although crashing the college's entire

network is classified as a felony by commonwealth laws and an honor violation by the college's honor code, Ackermann chose not to press criminal or honor charges against the students. "I felt that this was a situation where these were very bright, clever students...and it was simply a matter of poor judgment [on their part] at that moment," Ackermann said.

Freshman Robert Head, one of the three students who crashed MWC's system, said that he wanted to find out how far he could penetrate into protected files rather than damage other users' files. According to junior computer science major Mark Hedges, Head figured out how to crack the college's root password, then shared his information with two other students.

"I was the person who wrote the thing that crashed it...I really wasn't trying to do anything wrong. I feel bad about what happened," Head said.

According to both Head and Hedges, the other alleged violators included junior Rob Hoover and sophomore Jeff Willoughby.

After the incident occurred last semester, the computer science department decided to utilize Head's password cracking program in order to gauge MWC network security. According to Head, the department will run the program, decide which passwords are too easy for infiltrators to crack and send letters to individuals with those accounts asking them to change their passwords.



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Internet software package.

"I'm kind of the bad guy turned good guy," Head said.

Worry creases the foreheads of MWC educators and users as it becomes apparent that many travelers on the information highway abandon reasons to use the network for education and information and instead use it to crash systems, crack secret passwords, send hundreds of chain letters to strangers, talk on chat lines and play Dungeons and Dragons video games.

Through the modern technology of Internet, a computer network which links schools, libraries, government offices and private businesses to computers across the world, millions of people can access information, send letters, documents, photographs and sounds within seconds to anyone with an e-

mail account. While several of these uses of Internet are essentially harmless, the extraneous activity slows the system down considerably and other network users are the ones who pay the price.

Hedges said that while he does not think the students should have been overly punished, the experience has taught the department of computer science and all of its members, both faculty and students, a lesson. "I think it's an embarrassment that they were able to get into the system and crash it that easily. Kids will be kids, I guess. It pissed me off because I was working on a program," Hedges said.

But some affected by the system crash disagree with Ackermann's decision not to take further action. Susan Reel, a senior bachelor of liberal studies candidate, said that in the "real world," the students who abuse and misuse access to Internet would not get away with it, and that by not taking disciplinary action, the department tacitly implies consent to their activity.

"The last time the system went down—right before finals [last semester]—I was told that the people who did it were intelligent people who found a loophole in the system, used their resources and found it. That they were being creative and did it. If they really were being creative, I wish they would have focused their energies

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Skydivers Flirt With Danger

By Matt Cox
Bulletin Staff Writer

To Fletcher, there are few experiences that compare to diving out of a single-engine Cessna 182 at 10,500 feet and then plummeting towards the earth at speeds reaching 120 miles per hour before opening his parachute at 2,500 feet.

"[Skydiving] is not better than great sex, but it is better than average sex," said Scott Fletcher Fletcher, a junior at Mary Washington College.

Fletcher, 23, who is double majoring in math and computer science, is the president of the MWC Skydiving Club, which he started in September 1993. Since then there have been many who have expressed curiosity, he said, but only one student, junior Nancy Wilson, has taken the plunge. Wilson said she will jump again, but she is unsure as to when her next skydive will take place.

Despite the low turnout of participants, Fletcher remained unconcerned; he only started the club because he wanted to share a sport that he loves. He made his first skydive with a group of friends on June 28, 1992 and has since made 130 successful parachute jumps. Out of that number, Fletcher boasts two night jumps, which he said are his favorite.

"It was amazing. I had no idea that jumping at night would be that different. We got out at about 7,500 feet, so we had about 30 seconds to [expletive] around. I flipped on my back, watched the plane, watched the stars, watched the ground lights and did a couple of 360s. It was far better than I ever thought it would be," he said.

As to the popular opinion that skydivers have an unquenchable hunger for adrenaline rushes, Fletcher disagreed. In Fletcher's opinion, free fall is comparable to a religious experience in that it is like many eastern religions that stress living in the here and now to obtain enlightenment.

"Nobody is thinking of the office when they are in free fall. You're not thinking about any other thing except where you are and what you are doing," said Fletcher.

Fletcher said that although there are dangers in the sport, it is not nearly as perilous as people find. "You can die easily from skydiving. It's just that most people don't because all you've got to do is keep a little bit of common sense on you and you will be fine," he said.

Ned Wulin, an instructor at Skydive Orange, agreed with Fletcher. "[Skydiving] is as safe as you make it or as dangerous as you make it," said Wulin.

In fact, statistics taken from the United States Parachute Association's annual report of deaths caused by skydiving accidents in 1992 show that out of 136,000 registered skydivers who made a total of 2,600,000 jumps, there were only 27 fatalities.

But all opinions and statistics aside, accidents do happen in this sport. And when they do, real people die.

In October 1993, Skydive Orange, a parachute club located at Orange County Airport, had its first jump fatality. His name was Ron Gross, a sophomore at Radford University. Despite his young age of 19, he had made over 200 successful skydives in his year of jumping. He was a friend of all the

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Students Choose COAR Alternative To Break

More Than 30 Students Will Travel To Midwest For Spring Break To Aid Flood Victims

By Bridget Malone
Bulletin Staff Writer

After spending seven weeks at school braving the ice and the textbooks, most college students look forward to spring break as a chance to spend one week in a warm climate, getting suntans and forgetting about classroom stress.

This year, however, more than 30 MWC students will spend their week of relaxation aiding flood victims in the Midwest. And most of these students have sacrificed their spring breaks every year since coming to the college in order to help the needy.

The project is called the Alternative Spring Break, sponsored by Community Outreach and Resources (COAR). The group, which will travel in vans to the St. Louis area, will work Monday through Friday, then make

the journey back for classes on the following Monday.

Although many students are making the Midwest trek, they decided to go for different reasons. Senior Cynthia Elliott, a psychology major, plans to study the impact the student volunteers will have on the flood victims. "It's a spiritual thing for me, making a day better for someone else," Elliott said.

Other students are making the journey as a type of pilgrimage to a needy Mecca.

"I've always been interested in missions and this is an informal mission. It would be nice to see things personally. To see how people respond [to a natural disaster]," junior Laurel Oliver said.

Junior Denise Porter serves as the COAR Alternative Spring Break chairwoman and was surprised by the amount of students willing to give

up their week of free time to help people in need across the country. She wrote to Break Away, an alternative spring break organization, and they put COAR in touch with the assignments in St. Louis, Saint Genevieve and Perryville, Mo. The students are being hosted by local churches near the flood cities, but will have to bring their own towels and linens.

"I held two interest meetings in the fall and handed out flyers about what you're going to do," said Porter. "Luckily it was so popular. I expected 10 to 15 people. There were actually 34," Porter said.

But despite the surprising interest in the project, there are still obstacles that Porter is trying to overcome. Originally the group thought that they would be able to use one of the MWC vans, but all of the vans had been

previously reserved. Now, Porter is looking to rent vans from outside the organization for the week.

To help cut costs for the trip, all of the volunteers have paid \$35, will hold car washes and sell baked goods and candy grants throughout the course of the month. Also, letters have been sent to faculty members, area businesses and churches asking for monetary assistance.

The volunteers are also training for the experience, which could include anything from spraying walls off and repairing homes. The Red Cross will send all new volunteers to a similar renovation project before they begin their journey to the Midwest. Senior Keitha Daulton has worked on various relief projects before. "I've been on two Habits for Humanity, and I knew it would be a good experience," she said.



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COAR volunteers prepare to work over break.

Junior Kirsty Morgan agreed that the trip will offer a new perspective. "I expect to see a different way of life. I think they are more community-oriented in the Midwest. I have a good feeling about this trip," Morgan said. Junior Heather Mullins, student

association vice president, wanted to go to the Midwest this summer. "I even asked my parents to go there on vacation," she said. "The prolonged experience will be very different. If you meet the people that you work with it's a lot more meaningful."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

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The men's and women's swimming CAC Championships take place this weekend at Goolrick Gym, starting on Friday (times are found in the schedule below). The women, led by Amanda Clair, are 8-3 and have a good shot at the title. The men are only 5-6, but they still have a shot at the title as they have won the CAC Championships the past three years.



Amanda Clair

Track and Field Hits Road

The men's and women's track and field teams will be at the Mason-Dixon Conference Championships this Sunday in Blacksburg, Va. In last year's meet, the MWC women were the best of the field, winning the championships.

Top Six Female Scorers in MWC History

1. Trish Long (1981-84)	1298
2. Kim Nagy (1988-92)	1207
3. Susan Myers (1988-92)	1206
4. Ruth Bonner (1982-85)	1120
5. Corinne May (1991-)	1094
6. Chris Paige (1989-)	1058

Tuesday's Women's Basketball Box Score

Eagles 82, Gophers 74 (OT)

at Goolrick Gymnasium

MWC 34 37 14 82

Goucher 31 34 6 74

MWC WOMEN

Alexander 5-0-10 May 12-6-33 Paige 5-6-16
Teter 0-1-1 Coates 0-0-0 O'Brien 0-0-0
Bushman 0-0-0 Gleisner 6-10-22
FG% MWC .369 (28 for 76) GC .366 (30 for 82)
3-pt. FG% MWC .300 (3 for 10) GC .384 (5 for 13)
FT% MWC .639 (23-36) GC .401 (9-22)
Rebounds MWC 47 (Alexander 17) GC 71
(Clemmons 17) Assists MWC 17 (Teter 7) GC 15
(Jones 8) Turnovers MWC 23 (Teter 6) GC 14
(Jones 13) Blocks MWC 4 (Gleisner 2) GC 2
(Simcone) Steals MWC 17 (Teter 5) GC 14
(Jones 4)

Thursday's Men's Basketball Box Score

Gophers 106, Eagles 92

at Goolrick Gymnasium

Goucher 49 57 106

MWC 44 48 92

MWC MEN

Somerville 4-4-12 Johnson 5-2-12 White 5-2-14
Whitehouse 1-0-3 Warren 4-1-9 Carey 0-0-0
Carhart 0-0-0 Pate 0-5-5 Posey 5-0-10 Holston
7-2-21 Seward 2-0-4 Zenker 1-0-2
FG% MWC .459 (34 for 74) GC .514 (36 for 70)
3-pt. FG% MWC .474 (9 for 19) GC .154 (2 for 13)
FT% MWC .750 (15-20) GC .727 (32-44)
Rebounds MWC 34 (Pate 8) GC 36 (Toland 10)
Assists MWC 24 (Warren, Holston 5) GC 17
(Clark 8) Turnovers MWC 27 (Johnson, Pate)
GC 22 (Clark 6) Blocks MWC 1 (Pate) GC 1
(Garlic) Steals MWC 12 (Pate, Holston 3)
GC 19 (Clark, Garlic 4)

Upcoming Events...

- Feb. 17 Men's basketball vs. Catholic University at Goolrick Gym, 8 p.m.
Women's basketball vs. Catholic University at Goolrick Gym, 6 p.m.
Feb. 18-20 Swimming CAC Championships at Goolrick Gym, Friday, 7-9:30 p.m., Saturday 7-9:30 p.m., Sunday, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Feb. 19 Men's basketball at York College, 2 p.m.
Women's basketball at York College, 4 p.m.
Feb. 22 Basketball CAC Tournament/First Round, TBA.

May Threatens To Shatter School Scoring Record

By Bryan Tucker
Bulletin Assistant Sports Editor

Junior guard Corinne May is the first junior in MWC history to break 1,000 points, scoring 13 points to top the mark on Feb. 5 against Marymount in a 98-76 loss.

"I think it is a great honor...I never did anything like this in high school, so I guess it is a big accomplishment," said May.

May was on such a scoring rampage that it surprised everyone when she broke the 1,000-point barrier this season. No one knew that May broke the landmark until almost a week after the Marymount game. She is currently leading the team for the second straight season in points per game with 22.0 average, good for first in the Capital Athletic Conference.

"I was not really upset about it because no one knew, including myself, until Vince [Benigni] called me and told me," said May.

She has been the leading scorer for MWC in 11 of her team's 16 wins. This includes a season-high and school record 38 points against Christopher Newport in a 109-89 win on Jan. 27 at home.

"A lot of the points I got were fast-break lay-ups, other people saw I was getting down the court," said May.

Although she is leading the team in scoring, May is second on the team in steals and fourth in assists. She has also started every game the last two seasons.

"I think one of her most important strengths is that she is a tenacious competitor," said Connie Gallaahan, head coach of the women's basketball team. "She really compiles and concentrates very well and I think that really makes a difference in what she is able to do."

May relies on her defense to create steals and easy fast-break opportunities. Also, she uses her speed to beat her opponents down the court to set up simple jumpers or lay-ups.

"She runs the break fairly well, she's quick up and down the court and she's fairly good on defense," said Chris Gleisner, senior forward.

May is currently fifth all-time among women in career scorers with 1094 points. She is only 204 points from the all-time scorer Trish Long who set the record between 1981-84. May said, however, that she is not concentrating on breaking the record before the end of the season.

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"Before a game, I don't set up how many points I'm going to score or anything. I just play," said May.

She was a second-team All-CAC performer last year when she led the CAC in free throw percentage at .792. She averaged only 9.4 points her freshman year and started 16 out of the 26 games.

"I think she has all the ingredients of a complete player. I have really seen Corinne improve in all aspects of her game since she was a freshman," said Gallaahan.

May has been an integral part of the women's success as they have posted a 16-4 record. However, May said the team's chances at an NCAA bid are unlikely and their remaining goal is to win the CAC Tournament. Their likely opponent in the finals would be Marymount, who has defeated them in the final game of the tournament the last three years.

"We definitely have the most potential on this team. Our goal now is just to win CAC's. We lost to Marymount the last three years. We just have to come out on fire and keep up the intensity through out the game," said May.

This is the second time the women's basketball team has had two (May and senior forward Chris Paige) 1,000 point scorers on the same team. The first time was in the 1991-92 season when MWC had Kim Nagy and Susan Myers. Senior forward Chris Gleisner has an outside chance of breaking the 1,000-point barrier herself, she currently has 920 points.

"They (May and Paige) both have excellent outside shots. They score well but they get the job done in different



Brendan Kelly/Bulletin

Corinne May heads for two more points on this lay-up. She now has 1094.

ways," said Gallaahan.

In high school, May scored less than she does now in college. She only averaged 20 points per game her senior year at Smithtown East H.S. in Smithtown, N.Y., and was selected to the All-Suffolk County team. May made varsity her sophomore year but did not get serious playing time until her junior year.

She was not heavily recruited when she came out of high school, only one school on Long Island showed any interest. May felt she had a tough transition between high school and college.

"I was pretty nervous when I first played here, at first I was not going to play," said May.

May chose MWC because it was a small school without sororities or fraternities.

"My guidance counselor said it was a good school and I was hoping to be able to play basketball because I knew it was Division III," said May.

Men's Tennis Hits Off The Ice

By Colin Whitehouse
Bulletin Staff Writer

All the snow and ice has not stopped the men's tennis team from starting what they envision as another successful year.

In 1993, the men's tennis team captured their third straight Capital Athletic Conference title and the Virginia Intercollegiate Tennis Association title, while compiling an 8-4 record.

Success in the past only breeds expectations for the future. Those expectations will be demanding considering three of their top six singles players graduated. Matt Bolen, Chip Goodman and Matt Strickler were all lost, and another important player, Walter Adcock, transferred to William and Mary. However, Head Coach Roy Gordon said, "Although we lost several key players, our top six players will be very solid."

This season will get underway on Feb. 26 at Virginia Military Institute, a Division I nemesis. This only begins what will be a very strenuous and competitive schedule.

"Our success will depend on how people react to the competitive situations," said Gordon.

Other key match-ups will include a March 24 meeting at Washington and Lee University, a meet with Salisbury State University on April 7, the new addition to the CAC, and a trip to Hampden-Sydney on April 13 preceding the CAC tournament.

Although the top six singles players have yet to be determined, the top three seem to be set. Senior captain Garrett Moyer, junior Steve Paskiewicz and freshman Chris Wallace will be vying for the top three spots.

Also returning for the Eagles are juniors Pat Catullo and John Neal and sophomores Erik Gesheker and Steve Dykes. Last year, Catullo teamed with Paskiewicz for a second straight CAC doubles title at No. 2, while Gesheker and Bolen (graduated) captured the CAC and state titles at the No. 1 doubles spot.

Newcomers to the team will be freshmen Wallace, Brad Burch and George Rohman. Wallace looks to step in immediately and make a considerable contribution at the top of the lineup. After a two year absence from the Mary Washington program, senior Jeff Bernard returns to bolster the squad.

"We are very confident about our chances



file photo

The men should overcome graduation losses, such as Matt Strickler.

this year. We believe we will do at least as well as last year," Moyer said. "Although we lost a few seniors, we have good returning players and some freshmen that are looking to step in."

Gearing up for another successful season, the men's tennis team is full of confidence spurred by a successful past and a determined coach.

1994 Schedule (Home Caps)

- Feb. 26 at Virginia Military Institute
Mar. 2 HOWARD UNIVERSITY
6 vs. Guilford College
at Hilton Head, S.C.
9 vs. Thomas More College
at Hilton Head, S.C.
10 vs. Mt. Union College
at Hilton Head, S.C.
16 APPRENTICE SCHOOL
21 CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
22 CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIV.
at Washington & Lee University
26 LYNCHBURG COLLEGE
29 at Virginia Wesleyan College
Apr. 2 GOUCHER COLLEGE
5 at Liberty University
7 SALISBURY STATE UNIV.
13 at Hampton-Sydney College
16-17 CAPITAL ATHLETIC CONF. CHAMPIONSHIPS AT MWC
19 at Randolph-Macon College

Press Hurts Men; Wins Still Coming For Women

By George Chase
Bulletin Sports Editor

The men's basketball team continued to struggle at home, dropping their seventh of 11 games at Goolrick this season, losing to Goucher College, 106-92. Goucher's full-court press and strong shooting prevented the Eagles from gaining their tenth victory.

"I'm confused about why we don't play well at home as we do on the road," said senior Steve Posey. "We all hate road trips."

After leading the conference with a 5-2 record, MWC has dropped to the middle of the pack with three straight CAC losses, bringing them to 5-5.

Two of the three teams the Eagles (9-11, 5-5 CAC) had beaten in their previous meetings. On Jan. 22, MWC defeated Goucher at Goucher, 90-78, and last week Marymount avenged a 78-51 loss to the Eagles from Jan. 23. That winover Marymount was the fifth in their five game winning streak.

Defense was again a problem against Goucher as the Gophers shot .514 for the game, and in the second half shot a torrid .586 on their way to 57 points in the half. The Eagles are 0-5 in games that they let up more than 100 points.

The Eagles offense was running well, and for a while in the second half they had the lead. They were up by as much as eight midway through the second half, thanks in part to their strong three-point shooting. They were led by senior Elgin Holston, who had 21 points and made five of six three-point attempts.

"We are still confident that we can beat any team in the conference."

-Tom Davies, men's head coach

The Eagles shot 9-19 from beyond the arc and have raised their three-point percentage to .366 on the season.

However, the real story of the game was MWC's inability to break the press. The press that Goucher applied late in the game turned the score around, and word is spreading around the CAC.

"The press has just killed us," said Posey. "We're having trouble attacking it."

Head Coach Tom Davies also felt that the press was a problem. "Our biggest problem right now is with the press," he said. "We're trying a smaller, better ball handling club to fix this."

The CAC Tournament is starting on Feb. 22 and the men have done well the last few years, despite their below .500 records. This year they are more confident, since they have already defeated five of the six CAC opponents.

"We are still confident that we can beat any team in the conference," said Davies.

The women's basketball team continued its successes by defeating Goucher College 82-74 in overtime, Tuesday in Goolrick Gym.

The Eagles scored the last eight points of the game to break a 74-74 tie with two minutes remaining. Corinne May scored eight of her game-high 33 points in the overtime period to help MWC to its 16th victory this season (16-4, 7-3 CAC).

The Eagles also got strong performances from junior Jeannette Alexander, who had 10 points and 17 rebounds, senior Chris Gleisner with 22 points and seven rebounds, and sophomore Stefanie Teter with seven assists and five steals.

MWC shot uncharacteristically low for the game, making only 28 of 76 shots (.369), but they still lead the

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ENTERTAINMENT



The morgue in downtown Fredericksburg has area teens dying to get in.

City Hangout Lively Place For Teens

By Courtney Henson
Special to the Bulletin

The rusty red garage door squeaks open to reveal the painted black and yellow checkered dance floor, the colors made even more distinctive by the four newly painted walls — two bright blue, one purple, one black. On one of these walls is a mural of a cityscape with a mushroom-shaped cloud hovering over it and the word "Kaboom" printed underneath — a somewhat positive representation of nuclear destruction.

There seems to be a feeling of anxiety about the room, as though it is lifeless without the numbers of Fredericksburg teens that turn it into the downtown hangout every Friday and Saturday night. What place in Fredericksburg could possibly be so full of life and provide so many forms of entertainment as to satisfy practically any teen? None other than a place named the morgue (purposely left uncanceled as a trademark).

The morgue opened as a teen center Jan. 13, 1993. Fredericksburg resident Pam Bullock, with the encouragement of her pastor and the help of friends, turned her dream of forming a place safe for teens to hang out into reality in 14 months.

"The morgue is for teens who aren't high risk, just average, everyday, run-of-the-mill teens who need some form of entertainment," said Bullock. "We wanted to provide a place to please all teens, one that has a healthy environment where kids can be better... and safe."

Judge William Cox, of the Fredericksburg Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, said, "I'm not directly

affiliated with it now, but I'd like to see it take off."

As is obvious from the multitudes that appear at the morgue every weekend for the activities and concerts, it is anything but lifeless. The morgue offers a variety of forms of entertainment, from a jukebox for the dance floor to pool tables, video games and futsal. Often there will be free movie nights.

The unusual name of the hangout was left up to the kids who use it, according to Bullock. Because of its location in a large garage of the now-closed Mullins-Thompson Funeral Home on Princess Anne Street, it was playfully named the morgue.

"We received many comments about the name, both positive and negative," said Bullock. She recalled one negative letter she received in which a very distraught Fredericksburg resident claimed that the creators of the morgue were "making light of death."

"Of course we weren't capitalizing on death," Bullock said. "The name just seemed to make a statement."

There are many aspects about this establishment that make a statement. The morgue still contains a criminal holding cell that dates back from its days as part of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, which is adjacent to the morgue.

"The holding cell makes a fairly clear statement," said Bullock. "The kids who enjoy the morgue can look at it and see the somber side of going against the law, and the kids who have been on the wrong side of the law can look out from the holding cell into the room and see hope and a better way."

Something else that makes a statement about the morgue was simply in the construction of the hangout. According to Bullock, all of the painting, construction and much of the artwork was done by inmates of the Rappahannock



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Teens stay at the morgue in downtown Fredericksburg until the dead of night.

Security System. By helping out, each inmate decreased his sentence by one day for every day they worked. Consequently, the bill for opening the morgue was \$5,000.

"It makes quite a statement and is a monument to community effort," said Bullock. "We were lucky — there were some really talented people locked up."

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Drama Department Presents 'Baby With The Bathwater'

By Cara Biega
Bulletin Staff Writer

Klein Theater's doors may be closed, but the drama department has not shut the doors on its ambitions to produce. The department is currently preparing "Baby With The Bathwater" for its MWC audience.

The play, by contemporary playwright Christopher Durang, was chosen by the department of drama's faculty because Durang's work is well-received, according to Gregg Stull. Stull, the chairman of the drama department and director of "Baby With The Bathwater," said, "It looks at parenting in an offbeat way. It's a comedy that's kind of wacky."

According to Brian Prendergast, a castmember, "It is a comedy about a family, that to us seems off the wall, but to them, their occurrences and their daily life is completely normal."

The adjectives "wacky" and "offbeat" seem to be uttered by every member of the cast, which is not hard to believe considering that there are only five actors who play ten characters. Jason Bryan, a junior theater major, said that participating in this play has been a unique experience for him. "It's an escape from life to be in the play and experience something out of what you would do everyday," he said.

Bryan said he believes the play has universal appeal. "Everyone should be able to connect and feel something when they see this play," said Bryan. "Baby With The Bathwater" demonstrates that a lot of people have things happen in their lives and things aren't as bad as they seem."

Erika Ullrich, a senior psychology major, tried out for "Baby With The Bathwater" because she said that she missed being on stage. "I have found it to be really challenging. It's the first time I've played more than one role in a play," she said. Ullrich, who plays a total of four characters, said that the difficulty is in the differentiation between characters. "You want the audience to know you're coming back as a different character and you have to make every character different," Ullrich said.

The cast has been rehearsing since the beginning of the semester, for up to 10 hours a day, according to Ullrich. "The cast is very small. We have all gotten very close. Stull is a great director, and he has really helped me a lot," said Ullrich.

John Miller, a junior who plays two characters, said that Stull has helped him a lot. "Gregg lets you discover things for yourself. He lets you make your own choices," said Miller.

Stull encouraged Mary Washington students to come see "Baby With The Bathwater." "I think it will be a very enjoyable evening in the theater. Viewers will find it exciting to see our students working in this type of genre," said Stull.

The play is free to all Mary Washington students. Performance are scheduled in the Underground for Feb. 24 at 8 p.m., Feb. 25 and 26 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., and Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. For information or to purchase tickets, the box office can be reached at 899-4330.



Feb. 19: Step Show: Dodd Auditorium, 7 p.m., pre-sale tickets are \$3, \$5 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the Campus Center Feb. 7-17 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.

Feb. 20: Air Force Jazz Band Concert: Dodd Auditorium, 3 p.m., admission is free.

Beginning Feb. 21: Exhibition: Margaret Sutton: Excursions into the Imaginative Realm; Ridderhof-Martin Gallery; Mon., Wed., Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat. and Sun. 1-4 p.m., free.

Feb. 23: Lecture by Joe Clark, educator who inspired the movie "Lean on Me," Dodd Auditorium, 7 p.m., free.

Feb. 23: Lecture: "Margaret Sutton as Artist and Intellectual;" Forrest McGill; Ridderhof-Martin Gallery; noon; free.



Movies at Dodd

Thurs. Feb. 17 (7:30 & 10 p.m.)
"Sleepless in Seattle"

Sun. Feb. 20 (10 p.m.) and Thurs. Feb. 24 (10 p.m.) "Lean on Me"

"Schindler's List" An Essential Film



MOVIE REVIEW

By Matt Withers
Special to the Bulletin

"Schindler's List" is not a movie you could see or might possibly want to see. It is a movie you must see. Watching "Schindler's List" feels nothing like watching the movie is so absorbing that you feel that you are in the midst of history. Director Steven Spielberg had a lot going against him with this project: using black and white cinematography, tackling such a pain-filled subject, ending up with a movie that exceeds three hours — none of these are selling points that the movie-going public is known to be appreciative of. That the movie was made at all is incredible, but the way that it is made is absolute magic.

I have to admit that I had my doubts when I first heard about "Schindler's List." My fear was that I would be treated to over three hours of depression, pathos and horror. Obviously the Holocaust was all of that and more, but how many people seriously want to spend their money and their time so they can leave feeling really bad? Spielberg decided to respect his audience, however. Instead of presenting everything in a trite, "this is good and this is bad" context, he has the guts to present a complete picture.

I am not a big fan of old black and white movies, but the choice to film "Schindler's List" in black and white is enormously effective. Throughout the entire movie we are constantly reminded that all people have good and bad in them to varying degrees, of course, but no person is fueled solely by one emotion. The most admirable achievement of using black and white cinematography, however, is that it allows the story to speak for itself. There is never any doubt that what is important in the movie is the story being told. Using color would have been unnecessary and distracting.

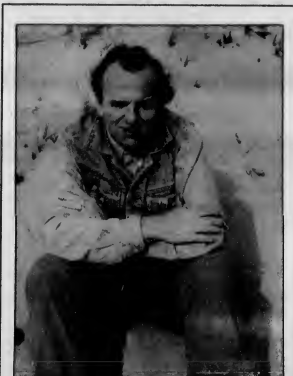
As with everything else in "Schindler's List," the acting

is superb. Liam Neeson in the role of Oskar Schindler gives us a wonderful portrayal of a confident, driven, flawed, sometimes callous man who learns to act out of more than self-interest. Near the end of the movie, surrounded by a factory full of Jews he has saved, Schindler berates himself for keeping material possessions he could have sold to save a few more Jews. Watching his torment and his appreciation of the beauty of every human life, I cried. I haven't cried at a movie since I saw "E.T." when I was eight, but there was no way I could not.

Ben Kingsley is equally compelling as Schindler's right-hand man, Itzhak Stern. Stern is a quiet, brilliant man who establishes a business with Schindler early on and acts with as much morality and compassion as Schindler throughout the movie. He brings as many Jews as he can to Schindler's factory so they can be classified as "essential" workers and not be destroyed by the Germans. Stern is a man of quiet moral strength; he is the type of person who gives reason to have faith in humanity.

The most amazing character in the movie, however, is the Nazi commander Amon Goeth. Ralph Fiennes' portrayal of this disturbed man is brilliant. I use the word disturbed because no amount of description could explain the depth of Goeth's mental imbalance. This is a man who wakes up in the morning and, while playing with his cigarette, uses a high powered rifle to randomly shoot Jewish workers who happen to catch his eye. When he gets bored with this, he calmly goes to the bathroom while his girlfriend simply yells, "You're such a [expletive] child!" Goeth is homicidal and kills more people than I could, or wanted to, count. He is an abhorrent man, and yet Spielberg does not let us simply file him away as a monster.

In Goeth's interactions with Schindler, we see a deceptively charming, lonely, loyal young man. We recoil at the inner conflicts Goeth faces in scenes such as the one when he tenderly talks to his Jewish maid, reaching out to her in her loneliness, and when he is a breath away from kissing her, he flies into a rage and brutally beats her. Spielberg takes the risk of showing glimmers of humanity in the frightening Goeth, making his character all the more



Courtesy Photo

Former MWC professor Richard McCann will be visiting Mary Washington on Feb. 28 for a reading from his book "Our Mother of Sorrows." The reading will be held in Monroe 104 at 8 p.m.

clusive and disturbing.

"Schindler's List" is a movie that has the courage to let its story tell itself. The movie is filled with horror, violence, anger and hatred (in one scene we hear a little girl's tiny voice screaming, "Goodbye, Jews!" as the Jews are relocated to ghettos). It is also filled with love, hope and humor (at one point a history/literature teacher who has been classified as "unessential" states, "I think you misunderstand the term."). "Schindler's List" dares to do more than entertain; it educates.

"Schindler's List" is rated "R" and is currently playing at Fredericksburg Movies 10. Call the box office at 786-4900 for times.

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Nathan-

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T & L

Jim-

Baby, When we see you smile...

The Judds

Thomas-

I Love You!!!

Jen

To Heather & Heather-

Thanks for your help setting tables HAH! Heather I-remember long distance relationships are good & Heather 2-you're great, keep smiling.

Maho-

Cheer up, it was nice having you here on the weekend. And if things don't improve we can call Ms. Bobbit!

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Hi Jen-

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your roomie

To the Ball Hall Troll-

Get a grip and grow some hair.

The Troll Police

To Andy & Joe-

Good Luck with goddesses one and two. Andy-just say hi, we know you can do it.

Love 404

Sarah, Melissa, Holly, Jonathan-

Oh the memories, Ugh the memories! Forgive me if I say let's not do it again, I'm sure you all will agree!

Natacha

Jami-

Greetings from the U.S.

Natacha & Merv

Val-

Thanks for all you do!

Mike & George-

We have a Psych Test for you!!

M&N

Mike-

Hal! They got you. It was only a matter of time you swine. You're going down, Mikey.

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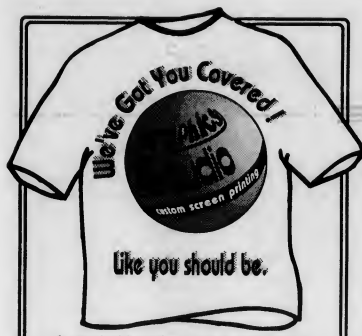
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-merv

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
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


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However, simply because the construction is finished does not mean that the work is done.

"I'm the one who gets to stress about everything... everything!" said Kate Hamilton, owner of "The Hidden Fox" on Princess Anne Street, and current head director of the morgue.

"Occasionally I'll book a high school band and they'll call at the last minute, canceling, with some excuse like, 'Our drummer got grounded,'" said Hamilton. "That's where the fun part comes in."

There are times when I want to scream," Hamilton continued. However, she said that it is worth all of the struggle when she sees the outcome. "I think these kids should have something different to do, different bands to hear. They need to find out that when it comes to music,

there's more out there than B101.5."

On one of the walls is a listing of all of the bands that have played in the past, such as Lugnut and the Obscene Jester, Slant Six, Rain Like the Sound of Trains, and the house bands, Stardog and International Slam.

"Of course, the list is not complete yet because I ran out of paint," joked Hamilton.

"I think the inside is pretty cool. It's changed in the past and probably will in the future," said Nicole Williams, a student at James Monroe High School and a member of the Youth Board of Directors for the morgue.

"A lot of people worked very hard to get it open and keep it open," said Judge Cox. "I'd like to see the morgue gain popularity."

Guerrilla Girls

Coming to Dodd Auditorium as part of Women's History Month. According to one of the GG's, Romaine Brooks (all GG's remain anonymous and protect their identity by wearing gorilla masks), "Our goal is for more women artists to be represented in terms of their sensibility within the art world." Says another GG, who goes by the simple name of Guerrilla Girl I, "We intend

to be the conscience of the art world." Come see their performance on March 1, 1994.



Courtesy Photo

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jumpers at the club, including Fletch. "It was the first death at Skydive Orange, so it hit us all pretty hard," Fletch said.

Fletch said that according to witnesses, everything was going fine with Gross' jump until something strange happened. "His main canopy opened; it was fine. He came in, made a turn at about 50 feet, and his canopy collapsed, which is something that doesn't happen when you make a turn," Fletch said.

The downward air speed caused by Ron's turn and the fact that his canopy collapsed sent him into a dive head-first, said Fletch. Gross died on the drop zone.

Fletch said that even though Gross' accident reminded him that skydiving is not hazard-free, he still believes it is worth all the risks that are involved.

"The chances of me dying on the drive out (to the airport) are as high as the chances of me dying while jumping. And jumping is so much more fun than the drive out there," Fletch said.

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toward something else," Reel said.

Ackermann acknowledged that in the future, he might not be given the authority to make those kinds of decisions.

But security still remains an issue for the college. Two months after the December system crash, the computer science department discovered another network security threat Feb. 7 and posted the following message for all Internet users to see when they logged on:

"We [at Mary Washington College] have been notified of a security threat. All users are required to change their passwords. Tell your friends—AND CHANGE YOUR PASSWORD!!! A good password has at least six characters, isn't a word and contains letters, numerals and punctuation characters. Don't use the character # or @," the message said.

Before the Feb. 7 warning of a security threat, Ackermann said that the college's network security was not as tight as other schools' because for the purposes that the college uses Internet, additional security was not needed.

But he said next year, the story might be different. "In the next couple of weeks, the college will be giving out a multi-million dollar contract for a project that will start the day after graduation, if not sooner. Every room will have a wall jack for a phone, data and video connection. In some environments, you need to be really careful about security," Ackermann said.

For the last two weeks, the Washington Post has reported network security problems at schools such as George Mason University, where the student body is much larger than that of MWC and public access to the network is greater.

It is in these contexts where the issues get more complex as the number of 20 million users grows by one million per month. Originally founded during the 1960s at the height of the Cold War, the founders of Internet intended it to serve as a computer communications network that had no hub, no central switching station and no governing authority, according to a report in the Dec. 6 issue of "Time" magazine.

But security issues are not the only thing that troubles Internet users.

Ackermann said that while using Internet as a chat line in an attempt to talk to strangers logged on at other schools is not technically an abuse of the system,

the college, who pays \$5,500 a year for access to the Internet but offers users access free of charge, prefers that users refrain from doing so. "It is not hard to gain access [to another school], check that school's security and exploit holes. Once you get the log-in id, you can essentially flood that site with traffic. There are straight ways of talking to people, chat lines. We'd like that not to happen because it affects the rate of everything else that we send on the Internet," Ackermann said.

Western Illinois University junior Mark Hill, technical assistant and academic computing lab manager for WIU, said that while most people are not creative enough to pose security threats, they tie up terminals by pursuing useless information.

And as the "Doonesbury" cartoons have pointed out over recent months, singles trip down the information highway looking for love in every on-line corner of the globe. MWC senior economics major Mike Giardina by his friend that he could get on the Internet, log into another college's system, find a woman who was logged on and get her to respond before his friend could do the same.

"The hardest part is to figure out the address of the school. But once you find that out, you can use a finger command to get a list of everyone who is currently using the system," he said. Giardina chose the U.S. Naval Academy and entreated a woman already logged onto the system to use the "talk" command to set up their own chat line. The woman responded within minutes.

But according to Hill, other misuses

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—Mark Hill
lab manager,
Western Illinois Univ.

have proven to be more serious. "Other than the standard problem of people getting dirty pictures off the Internet, we have also had a problem here with some people harassing others. Last spring, we actually had complaints from some girls that a guy was threatening them over the network. Also, someone recently put some pornographic pictures of children up on the net; fortunately, these were quickly removed," Hill said.

The Chronicle of Higher Education reported a similar incident Jan. 19 regarding Indiana University's posting of John Cleland's 1748 book entitled "Fanny Hill: or Memoirs of a Woman of Pleasure." The university pulled the book, which authorities labeled as pornography until the late 20th century, off the network after a New Zealand user complained that children might help themselves to a copy.

Ackermann believes that those problems are found less frequently at MWC, where students share about 50 networked terminals.

But for a network founded on the basic principles of receiving information, alternative use continues. Multi-User Dungeons and Dragons (MUDDs), another Internet diversion, is available on networked computers and its medieval characters entice college students into playing for hours on end. "I have seen people come into the lab at eight in the morning and not leave until we close [at night], skipping classes and grabbing a candy bar from the snack machine [for lunch]," Hill said.

Ackermann said that MWC put restrictions on the use of Internet for MUDDs from 11 p.m. until 8 a.m. "Apparently the students playing [MUDDs] tend to get a little excited and students taking computer science classes complained to them and to us, so we put restrictions on the times they could play. The students wanted a quiet place to work," Ackermann said.

Head does not see MUDDs as a threat to academic network users. "The Internet was designed to let people communicate in a different way that is more creative and more interesting. Most people don't play for the D & D aspect, they play for social reasons," Head said.

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CAC in shooting percentage at .473.

This CAC victory means that the Eagles only need to win their game with Catholic on Thursday to clinch second place in the conference. They still trail 10-0 Maryland.

"It is a key to have the home-court advantage," said Head Coach Connie Gallahan. "I just don't want to play in someone else's gym."

Catholic is not one of the strongest CAC teams at 2-6, but they defeated the Eagles in their first meeting this season, a 64-62 loss at Catholic. Their final game of the regular season is against York College. The Eagles beat York here 83-79 in overtime earlier this season, but York is a strong squad with a 7-4 CAC record.

Deadline Update:

The men finally got their tenth win of the season, an 88-67 victory at Apprentice School. Senior Steve Posey led the Eagles (10-11, 5-5 CAC) with 22 points and 15 rebounds, and a perfect five for five from three-point range. Guard Mike Johnson also had a big game, with 16 points, six rebounds and five assists. The Eagles were ahead 40-24 at halftime and never looked back.



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